

## Message Text

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TOFAS 41  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJ: PANAMA MEAT EXPORTS

REF: A. FASTO CIRC 341, B. STATE 207247, C. TOFAS 39

1. CURRENT SITUATION: ADEQUATE RAINFALL IN MOST OF THE IMPORTANT CATTLE AREAS OF PANAMA ACCOUNTS FOR GOOD PASTURE CONDITIONS. AS REPORTED IN TOFAS 39, GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAS SUSPENDED EXPORTS OF BEEF UNTIL THERE IS GUARANTEE THAT ADEQUATE SUPPLY EXISTS FOR INTERNAL MARKET. AS RESULT OF PO VIBLZSSALE OF CARCASS BEEF TO VENEZUELA AT PRICES CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN LOCAL MARKET PRICE LEVEL, CATTLEMEN BEGAN TO HOLD BACK ON DELIVERIES TO SLAUGHTER-HOUSES. THIS ACTION USED APPARENT LOCAL MARKET SCARCITY AND RESULTED IN GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO RESTRICT EXPORTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT GOVERNMENT WILL LIFT EXPORT BAN WHEN CATTLEMEN BEGIN SHIPPING NORMAL QUANTITIES OF CATTLE TO PACKERS. SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE FOR SHIPMENT TO US MARKET WOULD PICK UP AS US PRICES STRENGTHEN AND PRICES OFFERED BY VENEZUELA DROP. AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, ABOUT 15,000 HEAD OF BREEDING STOCK HEIFERS HAD BEEN AIR SHIPPED TO VENEZUELA. IN TOTAL, 25,000 HEIFERS WILL BE DELIVERED BEFORE YEAR END.

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2. OUTLOOK FOR 1978: CONSIDERING LITTLE OR NO EXPANSION IN TOTAL CATTLE NUMBERS, AND A NORMAL EXTRACTION RATE AND CARCASS YIELD, BEEF AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT TO US SHOULD TOTAL 5 MILLION POUNDS.  
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